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Holiday Schedule for Independence Day, July 4th

County Offices – closed;

Libraries – closed;

DLC Liquor & Wine Stores (DLC) – all stores will be open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.;

Recreation – aquatics facilities open until 6 p.m., except the Germantown Indoor Swim Center, which will close at 3 p.m. All other classes and programs canceled. Administrative office, senior centers and recreation centers are closed;

Montgomery Parks - for special programs, events and operating schedule, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks and tennis centers, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org;

Ride On – Saturday Schedule;

Metrorail – Information available at www.wmata.com;

Metrobus – Information available at www.wmata.com;

TRiPS Commuter Store at Silver Spring Transit Center – open;

TRiPS Mobile Commuter Store – closed;

County Refuse/recycling pickup – no collection. Collection will slide by one day. For information on slide schedule go to https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/holidays/;

The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station – closed;

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – free;.

State offices and courts – closed.

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BlackRock Kicks Off Summer Concert Series
Saturday, June 30 7:00pm
BlackRock Center for the Arts
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown

Music by "Soul Crackers"
(A refined blend of historic Rhythm, Blues and Funk standards)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rB-r5YPF4Sk

New this year! - Food trucks and Beer Garden

For the full schedule, visit http://www.blackrockcenter.org/summer-concert-series

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City of Gaithersburg Celebrates SummerFest with Fireworks
Saturday, June 30   5:00pm-11:30pm
Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm
506 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

Enjoy live music, food, activities, spectacular fireworks, and a SummerGlo After Party!
More Information >>

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Montgomery County to Host Fireworks Shows in Germantown & Kensington
Wednesday, July 4

(*The rain date for the fireworks display only is July 5.*)

The Independence Day celebrations will take place at the following locations:

- Germantown Glory at South Germantown Recreational Park, located at 18041 Central Park Circle in Germantown (Boyds);
- Mid-County Sparkles at Albert Einstein High School, located at 11135 Newport Road in Kensington.

Germantown Glory will kick off at 7:00pm with a concert by Gringo Jingo performing the best of Santana. Follow the signs for free on-site parking.

The fireworks displays will begin at approximately 9:15pm at both Independence Day celebrations. The timing of the fireworks shows may change due to weather conditions. Low lawn chairs, blankets and coolers are welcome at both events. There will be food vendors at both locations. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

Sign language interpreter services and other auxiliary aids or services will be provided upon request with as much notice as possible, preferably at least three business days before the event. To request special accommodations, contact a therapeutic recreation specialist at 240-777-6870 or email rec.mainstream@montgomerycountymd.gov

For more information, call MC311 at 311 or 240-777-0311 or visit the Montgomery County Recreation website.

Other Celebrations & Fireworks in northern part of the county:

Poolesville Traditional Fireworks
Wednesday, July 4   - food, music and festivities begin at 5:00pm
Soccer Fields at Hughes Road and Sugarland Road
Visit http://umcvfd.org/poolesville-traditional-fireworks for more information.

Celebrate Damascus - Parade and Fireworks
Friday, July 13; Parade begins at 7:00pm
Visit https://www.facebook.com/celebratedamascus2018 for more information.

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Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Planning Retreat
Monday, July 16   7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

The board will discuss major issues and opportunities forecasted in the upcoming year.

(No meetings in August.)

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Montgomery County Minimum Wage Increases on July 1

Beginning July 1, the minimum wage will increase in Montgomery County. The size of the increase is determined by the number of workers a business employs. The new law states that County businesses with 51 or more employees must pay workers $12.25 per hour. Employers with 50 or fewer workers will be required to pay employees $12 hourly.
County Executive Ike Leggett signed Bill 28-17 (Human Rights and Civil Liberties – County Minimum Wage) on November 17, 2017.

Effective date	Large employer	Mid-sized employer	Small employer
July 1, 2018	$12.25	$12	$12
July 1, 2019	$13	$12.50	$12.50
July 1, 2020	$14	$13.25	$13
July 1, 2021	$15	$14	$13.50
July 1, 2022	$15+ CPI-W	$14.50	$14

CPI-W = Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

An employer who provides "home health services" or "home or community-based services" and receives at least 75 percent of gross revenues through state and federal Medicaid programs, may apply to the Office of Human Rights for designation as an eligible services provider subject to an adjusted implementation schedule.

The minimum wage does not apply to employees younger than the age of 19, who work fewer than 20 hours per week. However, an employer may pay a wage equal to 85 percent to employees under the age of 20 years for the first six months that the employee is employed.

More information about Bill 28-17 and its amendments can be found at here.   More information on the incremental increase here.

The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation enforces Montgomery County's minimum wage law.

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County Offers Free Training on Naloxone;
Medication Used to Reverse Effects of Opioid Overdose
Saturday, July 14   1:00pm-3:00pm
Montgomery Baptist Church
8605 Grovemont Circle, Gaithersburg

Residents concerned about a friend or family member with an opioid addiction are invited to attend a free two-hour training to learn about reducing unintentional and life-threatening opioid overdoses with the use of Naloxone, a prescription medication that reverses the effects of an opioid overdose.

Participants who complete the training will receive a free Naloxone kit. Tips on overdose prevention and resources detailing local and national resources will be provided. The training is free, but registration is required. Register by email at OverdoseResponseProgram@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-1836.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request, with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than three full business days notice, prior to the day of the event. To request sign language interpreter services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please call Erin Fashion at 240-777-4538, MD Relay 711, or emailoverdoseresponseprogram@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Now in its 17th year, the County Executive's Awards allow the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County "to salute individuals and organizations that have made a difference in Montgomery County through the arts and humanities. The County Executive's Awards for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities are the most prestigious honors conferred by Montgomery County on individual artists, scholars, organizations and cultural patrons."

For nominating instructions, visit http://creativemoco.com

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DOCR is Hiring!

The Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (DOCR) is now hiring for positions within correction/public safety – officers, medical personnel, social workers /counselors, food-service personnel and more! DOCR offers great pay and benefits, and foreign-language proficiency is a plus!

For more information, please contact DOCR's Human Resources Section directly at 240-777-9759 or visit the Department's website.

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**Parents of Students Entering Seventh Grade Reminded of Immunization Requirements;
Free Immunizations Offered in July and August**

Parents of students entering seventh grade are reminded that immunization requirements require students to have one Tdap (Tetanus-diphtheria-attenuated pertussis) and one meningococcal (MCV4) vaccination.

Montgomery County Health and Human Services staff will provide free Tdap and MCV4 vaccinations to incoming seventh-grade students at several locations throughout the county in July and August.   No appointment is necessary. A parent or designated adult must be present. Please bring a copy of the child's immunization record to the clinic.

Germantown Health Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown
Thursdays, 1:00pm to 4:00pm

For other locations and times, see press release at
https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22259&Dept=23,23

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Off-Season Free Tax Preparation Services

Community Action's VITA Program offers free tax preparation services now through October for the prior year and amended returns (2015-2017). Appointments are available in Rockville and Silver Spring for County residents earning $54,000 or less. Please visit the website or call 240-777-1123.

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For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: **http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news**

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:
County Council **http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01**
Planning Board **http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases**

Also check out the latest from:
Department of Public Libraries http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library
Department of Recreation http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp
Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html
Department of Environmental Protection http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp
Department of Permitting Services http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx
Montgomery County Volunteer Center http://www.montgomeryserves.org
Office of Community Partnerships http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/117215431562.html
Commission for Women http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html
Parks Department http://www.montgomeryparks.org
Planning Department http://montgomeryplanning.org